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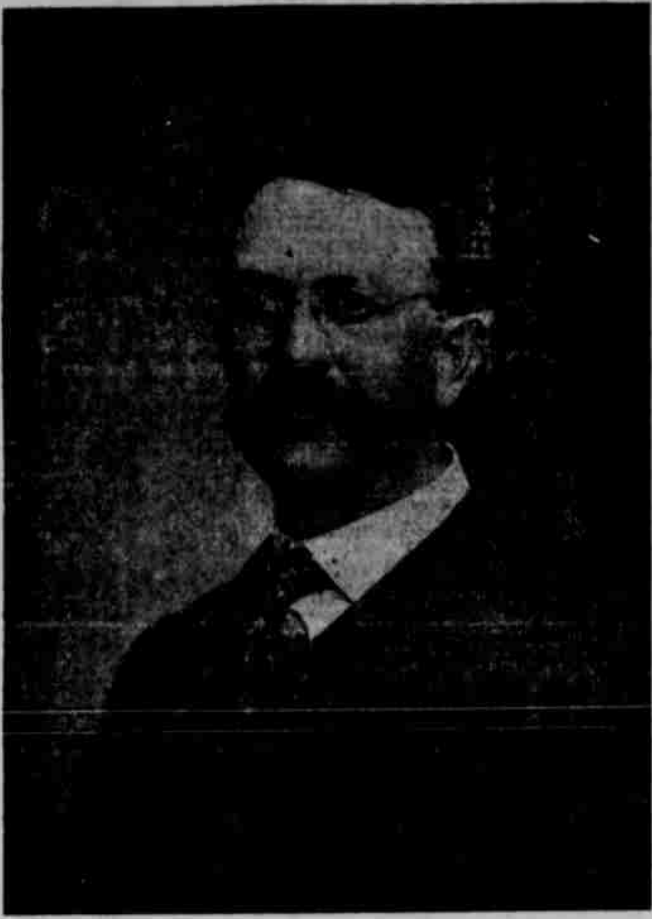
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IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES F. BROWN
(1862-1920)

Honored Publisher. Claimed by Death

Charles F. Brown, One of Alma's Best Known Residents
for Many Years, Passed Away Saturday.

OWNED THE ALMA RECORD

Former Proprietor of Paper,
Board of Trade President,
and City Booster.

Charles F. Brown, for many years one of the best known figures in Alma, a man who for many years devoted his time, his energies and his talents to the upbuilding of the community industrially, a staunch Republican ever in the front ranks in the politics of his party in this section of the state, a newspaper man of ability, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning, after an illness of only a few days. He was 57 years of age at the time of his death. He had moved to Mt. Pleasant only a few short months before. It was with sorrow that Alma business circles learned of his death a few minutes later, as for over thirty years he had been most prominently identified with the business and commercial affairs in Alma, having during that time expended every effort to make Alma a larger, and better industrial community.

Mr. Brown came to Alma in 1886, becoming business manager of The Alma Record at that time. Just a few months later, April 1886, he became owner of the publication by purchase, and continued the publication until 1903, when he sold it to C. J. Brown, at which time he retired from the newspaper field for a period of over ten years.

During his ownership the publication grew in size and importance, and had much to do with molding the public opinion of the village it which it was located.

During these earlier years of his residence in Alma, Mr. Brown was very active in Republican ranks, being early looked upon as one of the leaders of the party in this county. In March 1890 he was elected as a trustee of the village for one term, and in October of 1893 he was appointed as village clerk to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of O. M. Eversden.

During these earlier years his activity caused him to be named almost constantly as a member of the county Republican committee, and attracted attention to him. His activity caused his appointment as postmaster by William McKinley, which office he filled for sixteen years under the successive administrations of McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

Following the expiration of his last term as postmaster Mr. Brown again purchased The Alma Record, this being in March, 1914. The publication continued to gain in merit under his guiding hand, and to assume a still greater importance in the community, until it was sold June 1, 1919, to Balcock & Grosskopf, the present proprietors.

Constantly through his newspaper Mr. Brown agitated better things for Alma, new industries, greater civic pride, etc., and in no small way his newspaper aided in the development of the city.

A supporter of anything that would work for the betterment of the city, Mr. Brown early began to work with others in the effort to secure industries for the city, and to this

end was instrumental in the formation of the Alma Board of Trade, which aided the community greatly in its progress. Mr. Brown left his own business to work for the community in the effort to bring new enterprises to Alma. His own affairs, seemingly, were a secondary matter, when community betterment was in view. For days at a time he has been known to neglect his own affairs to work in the interests of the city. As a result of his efforts in these lines Mr. Brown was for eight consecutive years named as president of the Alma Board of Trade, resigning from that office last fall, when he moved to Mt. Pleasant, where he assumed the business management and a part ownership of the Mt. Pleasant Courier.

Alma suffered a big loss when Mr. Brown moved to Mt. Pleasant with his wife last fall, but was hoping that he would again be an Alma resident shortly. Last week, however, he was taken ill suddenly, and after only a few days illness, expired Saturday morning.

Charles F. Brown was born in Leslie, Michigan, September 13, 1862, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown. He worked on a farm until fourteen years of age, when he entered a printing office in Williamston. At the end of four years he became a traveling salesman for a Detroit paper house, remaining in that position for two years. He then purchased the Sheridan News, and after publishing that paper for a year, came to Alma in 1886.

In 1885 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Gray at Sheridan, Michigan, who survives him. He is also survived by three brothers, George R. of Osego, Edwin E. of Northville and Fred of Plainwell, and a number of other relatives.

A short prayer service was held at the home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon, following which the body was brought to Alma, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scattergood, where funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, in charge of Rev. J. Frank Jackson of the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Brown had been a member and trustee for years. The body was laid at rest in Riverside cemetery.

All business places in the city were closed Monday afternoon during the services as a mark of respect, for the memory of the departed resident, who had lived a full life of usefulness to his community.

Among those from out of the city who attended the funeral services Monday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Osego, Edwin E. Brown of Northville, Fred Brown and wife of Plainwell, Miss Belle Brown and Morman Brown of Ann Arbor, Ivan Brown of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gray and son, Edwin, of Toledo, Wayne Greene of Kirtsville, Mo., A. B. Darrough and C. H. Giddings of St. Louis, Mrs. Northway, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. Walter Caple, and H. A. Miller of Mt. Pleasant.

NOTICE
Alma people on finding street lights out in the evening are requested to notify the city that such defects in the lighting service may be remedied as quickly as possible.
39-1-c

Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-1f

HOLY WEEK

Churches of City to Have Special Services Next Week.

The Go-to-Church campaign thus far maintained throughout the month of March with such vigor by the church of this city will be brought to a climax next week. In nearly every church special services will be held nightly and all will be either evangelistic in tone or such as are appropriate to Lent.

In some cases these daily services have already been started and are now meeting with considerable interest. Next Sunday Palm Sunday services will generally be held and on April 4, Easter, the final and greatest day of all the campaign is planned. It is the purpose to receive into the membership of the churches on that date those persons who during the campaign have determined to take their stand for Christ.

In as much as the Federation of churches are prepared to invite the people of Alma to observe Holy week in a manner befitting its name by going each night to special services it is generally requested that all conflicting engagements, entertainments and the like be postponed until a later date.

The cooperation of the various organizations and leaders of the town in this particular would be greatly appreciated.

Those who thus far have been faithful in backing the churches throughout the Go-to-church campaign will desire to continue to do so to the end. All who haven't yet shown their colors by turning out will need to get busy.

MICHIGAN NORTHERN GETS ITS CHARTER

Proposed Railroad Gets State Approval and Work is Expected to Start Soon.

The petition filed with the Michigan Public Utilities Commission last October, asking for the incorporation of the Michigan Northern Railroad, after a long inquiry into the future prospects of such a road, has met with favor, the commission authorizing the filing of articles of association. On Saturday, March 19, the Secretary of State granted a charter to the Michigan Northern Railroad Company.

The officials of the company are elated over the action which the state has taken, and are now planning on pushing their plans for the early construction of the Michigan Northern Railroad, which will open up a vast territory through central Michigan, and which will also furnish some of its leading cities with additional outlets to the markets of the world.

In April of 1919 a definite plan for the building of the Michigan Northern was adopted by those backing the project, and on May 19, 1919, an association known as the Michigan Northern Railroad was formed and throughout the summer and until late in the fall this association, backed by hundreds of the citizens along the proposed route, bent their energies to the project. An engineering firm, Esseltine, Murphy and Hanford of Detroit, was engaged and this firm made a complete survey of the line. The survey and all data that could be secured by the company was compiled to assist the contractors, to determine the cost of the construction of the road.

The construction of the Michigan Northern Railroad is certain to meet with great favor by the people of central Michigan, as it will afford far greater possibilities to many communities than they have ever had.

JOHN H. LANDSHAW

John H. Landshaw, second son of John and Anna Landshaw was born in the city of Detroit on April 10, 1861. He departed this life on March 16th, 1920, aged 58 years, 11 months and 6 days.

When a boy of 5 years of age he moved with his parents to a farm one-half mile west and one mile south of Forest Hill, where he grew to manhood.

On January 2, 1889, he was united in marriage to Elvira Elliot. To this union was born 3 children, Edythe P. Wood of Forest Hill, Carl W. Landshaw of Wheeler and Vern Elliott Landshaw who with his loving wife are left to mourn the deceased. He was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of the Macabees.

He was a kind and indulgent husband and father to his family, a good citizen and neighbor in the community and leaves to mourn their loss his widow, 3 children, 2 grand children, a brother and sister, numerous friends and other relatives.

The funeral was held from the family home one mile west of Forest Hill. The Rev. J. Frank Jackson, Rector of the St. John's church, Alma, officiating.

WILL PURCHASE SEWER DIGGER

On Tuesday evening the city commission gave William E. Reynolds, city manager, the authority to purchase a sewer digging machine for the city. Mr. Reynolds has not decided upon what kind of a machine to purchase for the city, and probably will not until he knows just how soon the various concerns making these machines can make delivery.

DR. MACLACHLAN DIED WEDNESDAY

Was One of Gratiot County's
Prominent Physicians for
Many Years.

OWNED ELWELL SANITARIUM

Practice Was Not Limited to Just
the County But Drew from the
Entire State.

Dr. Chas. McLachlan of Elwell, well known physician, passed away Wednesday, March 17, after a lingering illness of 16 months during which time he had not been able to leave his chair.

"Dock Mac," as he has been familiarly called by those who know and loved him, was perhaps the most notable character and most widely known person living in this little hamlet. He was born on a farm near St. Mary's, Ont., on Dec. 16, 1845. His parents were poor but sturdy Scotch people, and among the pioneer settlers in Canada. Charles was the eldest son in a family of five girls and five boys, and at the age of 12 was obliged to leave the little district school and work to help provide for the family.

As he grew to manhood, like many another boy, the spirit of adventure and a desire to seek new fields possessed him. So at the age of 21 he left Canada and came to the state of Pennsylvania. Here he worked at various occupations, and was married at 25 to Sarah Peters, daughter of a farmer near East Troy. To them were born three children, of whom one boy died in infancy. His wife and two children, Mrs. I. F. Hilsinger of St. Louis, and John A. McLachlan of Elwell, survive him, also two sisters in Orangeville, Ont.



DR. CHARLES MACLACHLAN

At an early age he formed the determination to become a physician, two brothers also choosing this profession. He inherited a studious nature from his father who was of a literary disposition (and was known as the Canadian Poet having written several volumes of poetry), also possessing an unusually keen mind and strong determination, he availed himself of every opportunity for study till he dug out a practical education, and at last decided to make the venture. So leaving his wife in charge of the little business he had established, he departed for college, and after a determined struggle received the much coveted diploma from the Lewiston (Me.) College of Medicine, following this with one term in Rush Medical College, Chicago.

Now he must find a location, and hearing about the little village of Elwell, and its new railroad, from a college friend who had located in a neighboring town, he decided to try it out. He landed there in midwinter, with snow about 3 feet deep. His money nearly gone, he engaged a room in the little hotel called "The Hilsinger," and spent about his last cent for a sign. He was in Elwell to stay.

With no money and no friends, business did not rush to him, and prospects were not very bright, but with the grit and determination that always characterized him, he stuck. After four weeks of waiting he pulled two teeth for which he received a call out in the country. He had to walk, but his results were prompt and very successful in treatment of this case, and this gave him a start, and some reputation in the community. Business kept coming till he was soon able to buy a pony, and then borrowing a saddle he was equipped to answer hurry-up calls.

After three years, feeling that he was well enough established to make it his home, he returned to Pennsylvania for his family.

He was unusually successful from this time forth, building up a country practice which required him to keep five horses in his work, and riding day and night during some seasons. But every vacant hour found him studying, either some medical work or the political questions of the day. He was always interested and active part in the political issues of the county. This strenuous life and overwork finally began to wear on him, and he decided he must make some change. Always progressive he had given his attention to the increasing use and success of physiological therapeutics and appliances (Continued on page four)

NEW ORDINANCE

City Proposes Ordinance That Will
Insure Clean Food Workers.

An ordinance was filed with the city clerk Tuesday evening, which after its passage, and the necessary twenty days thereafter because of penalties attached, will insure healthful workers around food in hotels and restaurants in this city.

The submission of the proposed ordinance to the commission is the outgrowth of a request by Mrs. Brockway, state health department worker, and has for its aim the keeping of people with venereal or other communicable diseases from being employed in the handling of food stuffs, or in their preparation, in Alma.

Almost as a unit the members of the city commission feel that the proposed ordinance is a highly desirable piece of legislation, as it will have much to do in the promotion of health, in that such diseased people will be kept away from food.

The proposed ordinance will provide a physical examination of those employed in hotels, restaurants, etc., and only with a health certificate will they be able to secure employment in such places, a penalty being provided in case of employment otherwise.

The proposed ordinance promises not only to be a big aid in the venereal disease campaign in Alma, but should prove a boon to hotel and restaurant owners, as the public will be assured that diseased people are not employed in such places.

Send the children to see "Pollyanna" in the afternoon—11c.—dv.

AMERICAN LEGION

WON OVER SAGINAW

Local Five Has Established
Strong Claim to the Saginaw
Valley Title.

The basket ball team representing the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, established a strong claim to the Saginaw Valley title Friday night, when after being outplayed in the first half they came back in the final session and smothered the Saginaw Legion quintet on its own floor under a count of 33 to 18.

During the first half the Saginaw led the Alma cagers, who were unfamiliar with the Armory floor where the game was staged. The half ended with the Saginaw Legion leading by just three points.

In the second half the Alma five broke loose, Smith and Beattie continually losing their guards, and rained the ball at the netted circle, the ball being fed to them by Moore, Gaffney and Anderson. It was simply a case of playing rings around the Saginaw five, which was unable to stand the rapid pace that the clever Alma Legionnaires set. Finally with the score standing 33 to 14 for the Almas, three cubs were sent into the Alma line-up, and then the Saginaw cagers managed to grab two more field baskets, so that Alma did not quite double the count on the strong Valley outfit.

M. Smith, Beattie and Moore featured for the Alma quintet and Runchey for the Saginaw Legion.

ALMA—33 SAGINAW—18
Beattie R. F. Runchey
M. Smith L. F. Rice
Gaffney C. Meibeyer
Anderson R. G. Huebner
Moore L. G. Miller

Score first half—Alma 8, Saginaw 11. Field baskets—M. Smith, Beattie 6, Gaffney 2, Anderson; Runchey 3, Meibeyer 2, Miller 2, Rice. Fouls—M. Smith 0 in 1, D. Smith 1 in 1; Runchey 2 in 7. Substitutions—F. Smith for Beattie, D. Smith for M. Smith, Hanley for Moore, McVety for Huebner. Referee—Strachan, Saginaw.

MRS. LEOPOLD KEHN

The death of Mrs. Leopold Kehn occurred at the family home on Mechanic street Saturday, March 13, after a residence in Alma of nearly forty years. She was born in the year 1846 and 1870 was married to Leopold Kehn in Brighton, Michigan. Three children were born to this union, two of whom died in childhood, the third, Louis B. Kehn, born in Fenton, Michigan, came with his parents on their removal to Alma.

Mrs. Kehn was a woman widely known and as widely respected. She was a life-long Presbyterian. On coming to Alma finding no Presbyterian church, she united with the Congregationalists. On the formation of a Presbyterian church, she became a charter member and continued to be active until increasing age rendered her incapable of further work. The death of her son, for whom she had a wonderful affection, hastened her end. She had a stroke about 6 o'clock and sank peacefully to rest in about four hours. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. Frank Jackson, who had continued to visit the home after the death of Louis B. Kehn. Mrs. Jackson sang the hymn, "Abide with Me." Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Kehn and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Kehn.

Mrs. E. J. Alverson and Mrs. S. W. Knapp of Ithaca spent the week end in this city, guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. M. McLaren.

The second under the title, "S. S. 'City of Alma,'" is published below: (Continued on page four)

DeLuxe candies are the best. 77-1f

ALMA'S GUEST SATURDAY



LEONARD A. WOOD

Leonard A. Wood is Here Saturday

Noted American Will Visit St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma
in Rapid Swing Through Gratiot County.

INTERESTING ARTICLE

News-Compass Carried Two Stories
Regarding "City of Alma."

The News-Compass, an employee's magazine issued by the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, in a recent issue carried two stories regarding the launching of the "City of Alma" on January 13, which are of especial interest to Alma people.

The first under the head "Ship is launched without aid of tug" follows: "Among the obstacles that Harrison has to contend with at this season of the year is a river chockful of ice. The said ice has been doing all in its power to handicap the progress of shipbuilding but it failed utterly on the occasion of the launching of the 'City of Alma.'"

"The morning of the event arrived and at 8 a. m., the tugs that are usually on hand for such occasion were reported at Holmesburg. Captain Jesse Williamson, who arrived a little later, said that he observed them plowing through the ice as he sped along in a railroad train.

"But the ice was not to be denied, that is as far as the tugs were concerned. And let it be remembered that one of them was the 'Caspar,' the heaviest tug that plys the Delaware. They started from Philadelphia at 4 a. m. in the morning and did not arrive until 3 in the afternoon, requiring 11 hours to make the trip.

"When it was certain that no assistance would be on hand, the decision was reached to launch the vessel and allow her to remain in the stream until the tugs arrived.

"That time seemed never to come and in the meantime ways and means were discussed as how to get the 'City of Alma' into the wet dock. The job was put up to Frank Jacobs, general foreman rigger, who with his assistant, Ole Christensen, and others in the department, performed a task the like of which has never been accomplished in any shipyard, within the memory of the oldest worker.

"That such a thing had never before been attempted did not daunt Jacobs and Christensen, old wind-jammers, who had sailed all over the world. They ran a line from the windlass on Hull 23, the 'Delanson,' at the wet dock, to the stern of Hull 22, the 'City of Alma,' lying in the ice out in the river.

"Then they heaved her around slowly, shifting the line to the stern of Hull 23 and she started to move. From there a line was shifted to the capstan on the wet dock, although it was necessary to shift the lines on Hull 22 several times so she could be brought alongside the dock.

"The task was completed and the 'City of Alma' berthed at the wet dock, without even scratching her sides. It was a tribute to the prowess of Frank Jacobs and his staff. They took it as a matter of course.

"Those who deserve credit for work in the unusual undertaking were: Frank Jacobs, general foreman rigger; Ole Christensen, his assistant; George Houseman, John Johnson, Carl Myers and a number of others on the wet dock."

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LUNCHEON HERE AT NOON

Address Will Be Given at Republic Plant and Banquet Will Follow.

Gratiot is ready for the visit of Leonard A. Wood, aspirant for the nomination for president on the Republican ticket, and it is certain that thousands of people, not only from Gratiot county but from those of adjoining, will be in St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma Saturday to greet him, on his flying trip through this, the only central Michigan county to be visited by him on the present tour.

While St. Louis and Ithaca, will both have the opportunity of hearing and seeing this great American, who at the present time, is seemingly the favorite for the nomination on the Republican ticket, the big events of Saturday promise to be held in Alma, where an address and noon-day luncheon are to be held.

Completed plans for the visit to Gratiot county are somewhat different from the hurried plans first outlined, and will carry Major General Wood to St. Louis and Ithaca, as well as bringing him to Alma. He will arrive in St. Louis from Bay City at 8:02 a. m., where he will stop for a short time and give a few minutes address to the people of that city.

From St. Louis he will go to Ithaca, where a community meeting is being held Saturday morning, which is expected to call farmers from all of the southern part of the county. An address will be given at the community meeting at 9:30 a. m.

Immediately following the address in Ithaca Leonard Wood and his party will leave for Alma by automobile for the big windup of the trip in Gratiot county.

Extensive plans are being made for the Alma visit, and the big luncheon which will be held at 12:00 noon Saturday. Leonard A. Wood is to speak at the Republic promptly at 11:00 a. m., and as this will be the only open air meeting in this city, Alma residents, who desire to hear the address should be at the plant at that time.

Through the courtesy of the management of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., all of the employees of the company will have an opportunity to hear this staunch American. The company has decided to close the plant for the day at 11:00 a. m. to give all of the workers this chance to hear one of the foremost men of America.

Immediately following the address the luncheon must begin promptly at 12:00 noon, as Leonard A. Wood is scheduled to leave Alma for Muskegon on the westbound Pere Marquette shortly after 1:00 p. m.

Owing to the fact that only about three hundred people can be taken care of at the Republic cafeteria at the luncheon, admission will be by invitation. These have already been sent out by the committee on arrangements.

The visit of Leonard A. Wood to Alma will be the first that a presidential aspirant has made to this community in a score of years, and is being anticipated by Gratiot Republicans with great pleasure.